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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I'm writing to request that you take no action that would jeopardize true competitiveness among internet providers. I live in a rural area and have few choices for access. I choose a local carrier because i want to support local business, which also happens to be more affordable. My local provider also provides my phone service, which is also less expensive. The local provider also provides topnotch customer service person where I get to talk to a real person who knows me. I had AT&T before but I fired them because they werent doing the job that my local provider does. Save competition...it's the American way. Thank you.

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